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SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT: INITIALING OF DOCUMENTS

AND ORAL STATEMENT

REF: CAIRO 389

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM GOE THAT, IN SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COMPROMISE OF CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE, USG AGREES TO DELETIONS PROPOSED BY GOE TO DOCUMENT 5 AS REPORTED REFTEL: (A) PARAGRAPH 1 QUOTE REMAINS OUTSTANDING AND UNQUOTE, AND (B) FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 QUOTE THEREFORE, THE AFOREMENTIONED CLAIMS REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE REFERENCED AGREEMENT.
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2. AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED AT EARLIEST

OPPORTUNITY: (A) TO SIGN WITH DR. DEWIDAR DOCUMENT 1 AND INITIAL DOCUMENTS 2 THROUGH 4, (B) TO INITIAL WITH MINISTER RIAD OR FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY DOCUMENT 5; AND (C) TO RECEIVE ORAL STATEMENT BY RIAD/FAHMY: QUOTE THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AT AN EARLY TIME TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED, SUCH OF THE CLAIMS LISTED IN DOCUMENT 5, AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

UNITED STATES DECIDES TO ESPOUSE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE VIEWS OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OR THE MERITS OF THOSE CLAIMS. UNQUOTE

3. DEPARTMENT PRESUMES THAT IN DOCUMENT 1 DATE OF INITIALING WOULD BE INSERTED VICE NOVEMBER 26, 1975.

4. EMBASSY PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT ON PRIORITY BASIS WHEN INITIALING OF DOCUMENTS IS COMPLETED AND ORAL STATEMENT IS MADE. ALSO, INQUIRE OF EGYPTIANS: (A) WHEN THEY ANTICIPATE SUBSEQUENT SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE, WHETHER IN WASHINGTON OR CAIRO, AND (B) ANTICIPATED DATE OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES PROVIDING FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT.

5. SOON AFTER INITIALING OF DOCUMENTS AND RELATED ORAL STATEMENT, DEPARTMENT PLANS CONSULT WITH PRINCIPAL CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS REGARDING PROPOSED CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

6. DEPARTMENT PREFERS THAT ANY PRESS RELEASE ON SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND PREFERABLY UNTIL ACTUAL SIGNING OF AGREEMENT. PLEASE SEEK EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO THIS PROCEDURE AND WORK OUT AGREED TEXT OF RELEASE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO ITS EVENTUAL RELEASE.

7. EMBASSY PLEASE TRANSMIT RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY. KISSINGER

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